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UNITED STATES TRUCK CROP SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1, 1940.

1940 SEASON

A preliminary summary showing the 1940 production reported to date for twenty-six commercial truck crops converted to a tonnage basis is 4 percent larger in 1940 than it was in 1939 and 17 percent greater than the 1929-38 average tonnage. Crops showing significant gains in production over a year ago are asparagus, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn in New Jersey, watermelons, and early Irish potatoes. Important decreases were made in the quantity of artichokes, snap beans, lima beans, cucumbers, eggplant, kale, onions, green peas, green peppers, spinach, tomatoes, and shallots.

1941 SEASON

Preliminary reports on the acreage planted and intended to be planted to ten commercial truck crops for the fall and winter harvest of the 1941 season indicate an increase of nearly 5 percent in the combined acreage of these crops over the 1940 acreage and about 25 percent over the 1930-39 average.

The plantings of fall-crop snap beans in Florida and Texas are increased less than 1 percent over a year ago; fall and winter cabbage in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Arizona, California, Florida, and Texas nearly 11 percent; fall carrots in California 3 percent; fall and winter cauliflower in Arizona, California, Oregon, and Texas 5 percent; Virginia kale 22 percent; and fall spinach in Virginia 25 percent. Partially offsetting the foregoing increases are the following decreases: California artichokes nearly 7 percent; fall and winter celery in California 5 percent; fall green peppers in Florida and texas 6 percent; and fall shallots in Louisiana 11 percent.

The total commercial acreage of asparagus to be cut for market, canning, freezing, etc., in 1941 is 1 percent larger than the acreage cut in 1940 and 19 percent larger than the 1930-39 average acreage. A gain of 7 percent over 1940 is reported in the commercial acreage of strawberries for picking in 1941. Compared with the 1930-39 average, this is an increase of 20 percent.

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